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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 July 2007.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-17 and 34-50 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-3,9-11,34-36 and 42-44 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) Claims 4-8, 12-17, 37-41, 45-50 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Acknowledgements

The Applicants amendment filed on July 6,2007 is acknowledged, Claims 1-17 and 34-50 remain pending .

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-3, 9-11, 34-36, and 42-44 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Medvinsky et al. (US Patent 2003/0093694) in view of Sirbu et al (US Patent 5,809,144) and further in view of Gerdes et al. (US Patent 7,188,360) .

As per claim 1,

Medvinsky et al. ('694) discloses a method of generating a Service Ticket for a requested Service comprising:

receiving by a granting service of a computing device , the computing device being different and distinct from the client, a request for a Service Ticket from a client; generating by the a session key; encrypting a cipher text with the session key determining a number of servers designated to provide the requested service;

for each providing server, encrypting the session key with a secret key associated with each respective server; creating a Service Ticket that includes an encrypted session key for each providing server, and the encrypted cipher text;(Abstract)

Medvinsky et al. ('694) does not explicitly disclose transmitting the Service Ticket to the client, Sirbu et al.('1443), discloses transmitting the Service Ticket to the client (Figure 4); it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the Medvinsky et al. ('694) with the Sirbu et al. ('144) method in order to allow the client to utilize the ticket; furthermore the combination of these elements does not alter their respective functions, and the combination would have yielded predictable results to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention..

Medvinsky et al. ('694) does not explicitly disclose receiving by a granting service of a computing device , the computing device being different and distinct from the client, Gerdes et al. ('360), discloses receiving by a granting service of a computing device , the computing device being different and distinct from the client (Column 3, lines 29-49); it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the Medvinsky et al. ('694) with the Gerdes et al. ('360) method in order to allow centralized control of access to servers; furthermore the combination of these elements does not alter their respective functions, and the combination would have yielded predictable results to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention..

Claims 9, 34, 42 are in parallel with claim 1 and is rejected for at least the same reasons.

As per claim 2,

Medvinsky et al. ('694) discloses the method of claim 1, further including:
generating a Ticket-Granting-Ticketing utilizing a protocol substantially in compliance with the Kerberos protocol; and wherein receiving a request for a Service Ticket from a client further includes receiving the Ticket-Granting-Ticket from the client. (Figure 4)

Medvinsky et al. ('694) does not explicitly disclose a granting service, Gerdes et al. ('360), discloses a granting service (Column 3, lines 29-49); it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the Medvinsky et al. ('694) with the Gerdes et al. ('360) method in order to allow centralized control of access to servers; furthermore the combination of these elements does not alter their respective functions, and the combination would have yielded predictable results to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention..

Claims 10,35, and 43 is in parallel with claim 2 and is rejected for at least the same reasons.

As per claim 3,

Medvinsky et al. ('694) discloses the method of claim 1,
wherein determining the number of servers designated to provide the requested service includes: utilizing a database that maps a generic server name to a specific server name; and setting the numbers of servers designated to provide the service equal to the number of specific server names mapped to the generic server name that provides the requested service. (Figure 2)

Medvinsky et al. ('694) does not explicitly disclose a granting service, Gerdes et al. ('360), discloses a granting service (Column 3, lines 29-49); it would have been obvious to a

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person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the Medvinsky et al. ('694) with the Gerdes et al. ('360) method in order to allow centralized control of access to servers; furthermore the combination of these elements does not alter their respective functions, and the combination would have yielded predictable results to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention..

Claims 11, 36, and 44 is in parallel with claim 3 and is rejected for at least the same reasons.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 4-8, 12-17, 37-41, 45-50 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to the amended claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Examiners note: Examiner has cited particular columns and line numbers in the references as applied to the claims above for the convenience of the applicant. Although the specified citations are representative of the teachings of the art and are applied to the specific limitations within the individual claim, other passages and figures may apply as well. It is

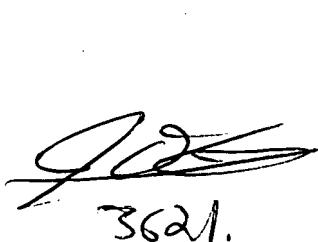
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respectfully requested from the applicant in preparing responses, to fully consider the references in entirety as potentially teaching all or part of the claimed invention, as well as the context of the passage as taught by the prior art or disclosed by the examiner.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John M. Winter whose telephone number is (571) 272-6713. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-6, 1st Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew Fischer can be reached on (571) 272-6779. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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